

are not presently served by an interstate highway; and

"Whereas, the National Highway System will benefit consumers by reducing the cost of transporting goods within the United States; and

"Whereas, the National Highway System will include the entire 545 miles of the interstate highway system in Nevada; and

"Whereas, although only 4.7 percent of the highways in Nevada will be included in the National Highway System, those highways will account for approximately 66 percent of the motor vehicle traffic in Nevada; and

"Whereas, the National Highway System will improve access for visitors to such destinations as Lake Tahoe, Lake Mead and Jackpot, Nevada; Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, jointly, That the Nevada Legislature hereby urges Congress to approve the designation of the National Highway System; and be it further

"Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

"Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage and approval."

POM-326. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Nevada; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

"SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

"Whereas, in 1984, Congress enacted Public Law 98-381 which appropriated \$77,000,000, calculated at 1983 price levels, for a program to increase the generation capacity of the power plant at Hoover Dam and for a visitor facilities program to improve the parking, visitor facilities and roadways at Hoover Dam; and

"Whereas, although Public Law 98-381 does not specify the amount of the appropriation to be spent on the respective programs, the Senate Report of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (S. Rep. No. 98-137, 98th Congress, 1st Session (1983), at page 14) indicates that \$32,000,000 would be needed for the visitor facilities program; and

"Whereas, appropriations made for the visitor facilities program are to be repaid with interest when the program is substantially completed from revenue received from the sale of power at the Hoover Dam power plant; and

"Whereas, as of the end of the 1994 federal fiscal year, approximately \$120,000,000 has been expended on the visitor facilities program; and

"Whereas, as of May 1995, the visitor facilities program is not complete and additional money will be necessary to complete the program: Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, jointly, That the Nevada Legislature urges Congress to investigate the costs incurred for the visitor facilities program at Hoover Dam which are in addition to the amount originally appropriated by Congress for the program; and be it further

"Resolved, That the Nevada Legislature urges Congress to direct the Bureau of Reclamation of the United States Department of the Interior to develop alternative sources of funding to pay the costs incurred for the visitor facilities program at Hoover Dam which are in addition to the amount originally estimated for the program of \$32,000,000; and be it further

"Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate of the State of Nevada prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice

President of the United States as presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

"Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage and approval."

POM-327. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Texas; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

"Whereas, in 1991 the Congress of the United States established a 65-mile-per-hour speed limit on rural sections of interstate highways, recognizing recent advancements in road and automobile technology as well as the increased need for rapid road transportation in today's competitive global economy; and

"Whereas, current federal law continues, however, to restrict the ability of states to adopt this standard for divided four-lane highways of comparable design and quality; and

"Whereas, within the borders of Texas, most national and state highways traverse broad expanses of rural countryside and, with few intersections or potential traffic hazards, are ideally suited for higher speed travel than is currently permitted by federal law; and

"Whereas, higher speed limits are essential for promoting rapid ground travel in rural areas of Texas, many of which are not served by rail, air, or any other mode of transportation; moreover, the 55-mile-per-hour speed limit places a disproportionate burden on this state's rural residents, who often must travel great distances for work, shopping, medical care, and other basic necessities; and

"Whereas, responding to the special needs of rural communities, the Texas Legislature has enacted a statute that will raise the speed limit on divided four-lane highways as soon as federal law permits; and

"Whereas, the State of Texas can best determine maximum speed limits most appropriate to its unique geography, to its vast rural highway system, and to the needs of its citizens: Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the 74th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby urge the Congress of the United States to allow states to establish a 65-mile-per-hour speed limit for rural sections of divided four-lane highways; and, be it further

"Resolved, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the United States secretary of transportation, to the speaker of the house of representatives and president of the senate of the United States Congress, and to all members of the Texas congressional delegation with the request that it be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America."

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. D'AMATO, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1309. An original bill to reauthorize the tied aid credit program of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and to allow the Export-Import Bank to conduct a demonstration project (Rept. No. 104-154).

By Mr. PRESSLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1048. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for human space flight; science, aeronautics, and technology; mission support; and inspector general; and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-155).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

Charles William Burton, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Enrichment Corporation for the remainder of the term expiring February 24, 1996.

Derrick L. Forrister, of Tennessee, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs).

Eluid Levi Martinez, of New Mexico, to be Commissioner of Reclamation.

Patricia J. Beneke, of Iowa, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 1308. A bill to amend chapter 73 of title 31, United States Code, to provide for performance standards for block grant programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. D'AMATO:

S. 1309. An original bill to reauthorize the tied aid credit program of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and to allow the Export-Import Bank to conduct a demonstration project; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 1310. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the availability of individual retirement accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself and Mr. BRADLEY):

S. 1311. A bill to establish a National Fitness and Sports Foundation to carry out activities to support and supplement the mission of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 1312. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to assist in the financing of education expenses for the middle class; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 1313. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit Indian tribal governments to maintain section 401(k) plans for their employees; to the Committee on Finance.